

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/760,511

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the filing of 02/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19, 22, 23 and 26-43.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Reasons For Allowance**

1. Claims 1-19, 22-23, and 26-43 are allowed.
2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-19, 22-23, and 26-43 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP §2111.01 or In re Sneed, 710 F.2d 1544, 1548, 218 USPQ 385, 388 (Fed. Cir. 1983), none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 1, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25])).

3. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 18, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

4. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 19, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

5. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 22, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

6. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 23, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

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7. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 42, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

8. Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 43, including: a "service broker" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 10, lines [1] through [4]), a "neugent" (as defined at page 15, lines [21] through [25] and at page 16, lines [15] through [25] and at page 9, lines [1] through [7] and at page 9, lines [14] through [16] and at page 10, lines [2] through [4] and at page 10, lines [19] through [20] and at page 8, lines [8] through [14] and at page 13, lines [16] through [18] and at page 4, lines [5] through [9] and at page 5, lines [1] through [3]), a "consultation request" (as defined at page 4, lines [1] through [9] and at page 9, lines [8] through [20] and at page 16, lines [21] through [25]).

9. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

- A. McCollum et al. (U.S. Patent Number 7,103,874 B2; dated 05 SEP 2006; class 717; subclass 121) discloses a model-based management of computer systems and distributed applications.
- B. Hellerstein et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,697,791 B2; dated 24 FEB 2004; class 706; subclass 047) discloses a system and method for systematic construction of correlation rules for event management.
- C. Campaigne et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,496,812 B1; dated 17 DEC 2002; class 706; subclass 016) discloses a method and system for measuring and valuing contributions by group members to the achievement of a group goal.

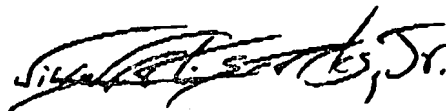
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Wilbert L. Starks, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3691.

Alternatively, inquiries may be directed to the following:

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